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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

| 1. | Statement | | | |
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| | Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-8 | YĖS |
| | | Claims - | | NO |
| | Inventive step (IS) | Claims _ | | YES |
| | | Claims - | 1-8 | NO |
| | Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims _ | 1-8 | YES |
| | | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 2001-75096 A (Samsung Electronics Co.,

Ltd.), 23 March 2001

Document 2: JP 11-204973 A (Nanao Corp.), 30 July 1999

The inventions set forth in claims 1-8 do not involve an inventive step.

Claims 1-3

The surface light source device disclosed in document 1 (page 3, right column, line 18 to page 6, left column, line 50, and fig. 1) cited in the international search report does not comprise a shielding member, but is otherwise substantially the same as the inventions that are set forth in claims 1-8.

Meanwhile, document 2 (page 6, right column, line 10 to page 7, right column, line 18 and fig. 1) cited in the international search report teaches the feature of shielding the heat-radiating holes by means of a metal heat radiating plate with a tabular form.

Claims 4-5

The specific form of the shielding member can be determined by a person skilled in the art as necessary; therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily

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configure so that the shielding member has a tabular form or a box-shaped form.

Claim 6

It would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to configure so that the specific thermal conductivity of the metal heat radiating plate is higher than that of air.

Claims 7-8

Documents 1 and 2 explicitly teach the feature of using the invention in a liquid crystal display device.